GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4878
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HOARDING OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether raids were conducted by State Authorities under Essential Commodities Act,1955 and Prevention of Black-marketing and Maintenance of Essential Commodities Act, 1980 in Delhi in view of the shortage and rising prices of Essential Commodities;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof indicating the quantum and value of the said commodities recovered;

(c) whether similar raids were conducted in other parts of the country recently;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the hoarders;

(f) whether there is any proposal to engage Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and/or other agencies to check hoarding and black-marketing;and

(g) if so, the details thereof and other steps proposed to be taken to check hoarding and black-marketing?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir,Government of NCT of Delhi have reported conducting of raids under Essential Commodities Act, 1955 in the month of April, 2008. Details are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): Yes Sir,some States and Union Territories have reported conducting raids under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Details of raids conducted in these States/UTs during the current year are enclosed at Annexure-II.

(e) to (g) : Powers have been vested with State Governments for taking action under the provisions of Essential Commodities Act, 1955 and the Prevention of Blackmarketing and Maintenance of Supplies of Essential Commodities Act, 1980.There is no proposal at present to engage Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to check hoarding and black-marketing.